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March 7, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Expression of Interest—Rural Broadband Experiments
WC Docket No. 10-90—Connect America Fund

Dear Ms. Dortch,

GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. is expressing interest in participating in the Rural Broadband Experiments. We are a private, non-profit Community Action Agency committed to providing quality services to help people help themselves. Our service area includes Guernsey, Monroe and Noble County, Ohio.

In 2003, GMN became the first Community Action Agency to receive a grant for broadband services through the USDA Rural Development Broadband Technology grant. We titled our new program GMN Wireless Broadband and began to meet the needs of the unserved area of Monroe County.

The GMN Wireless Broadband program at GMN Tri-County CAC remains a success and currently has 7 tower sites providing coverage to over 800 wireless customers. We currently provide download speeds of up to 1.5Mbps and upload speeds of up to 768Kbps.

Our proposed service area for the Rural Broadband Experiments is as follows:

State	County	County Name	Census Tract ID	Eligible High Cost Locations, Extremely High Cost Locations, Annual Support
OH	39111	Monroe	39111966600	939,63,470761.98
OH	39111	Monroe	39111966700	1160,78,615675.19
OH	39111	Monroe	39111966800	428,28,202512.27
OH	39111	Monroe	39111966900	1723,220,940752.26
OH	39111	Belmont	39013011000	1127,148,749827.63

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We plan to add Licensed frequency access points to our current/future tower sites to increase our download speeds to up to 4Mbps download and up to 1.5Mbps upload.

Our contemplated service offerings is as follows:

Up to 1Mbps download/512K upload	\$29.95 per month	Unlimited
Up to 2Mbps download/1Mbps upload	\$34.95 per month	Unlimited
Up to 4Mbps download/1.5Mbps upload	\$44.95 per month	unlimited

GMN Tri-County CAC is requesting a one-time funding of \$500,000 for equipment purchase/deployment and additional tower sites to increase our coverage area. We have the full support of the Monroe County Commissioners with additional community interest anticipated. We welcome the opportunity to complete a formal application to share our commitment to meeting the needs of the unserved areas of our service area.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Ricer
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